

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, VERMONT
DOG RIVER PARK COMMITTEE
Minutes of January 11, 2023

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Simon Pearish, Russ Barrett, Fred Nadon
- II. Set/Adjust Agenda
 - a. No changes
- III. Approval of Minutes (November 9, 2022)
 - a. Russ motions, Simon seconds, Passed 4-0-0
- IV. Discussion
 - a. Knotweed Guest Speaker
 - 1. Need to reschedule for speaker, proposed changing it to March 15th. Simon will check with Mr. McCann to see if the presentation needs to be warranted since multiple members of some town committees might be present.
 - b. Dog River Park Sign
 - 1. Signage produced by the Friends of the Winooski River is in the town's possession but has not been installed. We need to remind the town in spring.
 - c. Maintenance Plan
 - 1. The plan will be given to the Conservation Commission for feedback.
 - d. Park Paths – Next Steps
 - 1. Bonnie drafted a Request for Proposals for contractors to bid on the job to resurface the hard pack paths in the park.
 - 2. A previous quote indicated that the cost might be substantially greater than we had previously thought, so it might be necessary to divide the job over multiple years. However, splitting up the job might make it less attractive for contractors.
 - 3. We discussed strategies for finding the funding to contract the entire job in one year: asking the town, using funds from ARPA, seeking funding from charitable groups in town.
 - e. Swing Replacement
 - 1. We discussed the replacement of the adult-sized bench swing that used to be in the park. Pricing ranges from \$300-\$3,000. The new bench might be a suitable use for Class of '57 funds.
 - f. Member Updates
 - 1. Bonnie will prepare a short statement about this committee's activities for the Town Report.
- V. Public Participation (unscheduled)
- VI. Adjournment